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Patent
Attorney's Docket No. 000515-141

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of)
Urban WIDLUND) Group Art Unit: 3761
Application No.: 09/194,700) Examiner: Michele M. Kidwell
Filed: March 4, 1999) Confirmation No.: 3507
For: ABSORBENT ARTICLE HAVING)
IMPROVED SURFACE PROPERTIES)
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AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed.
- ☐ A Terminal Disclaimer and the ☐ \$55.00 (2814) ☐ \$110.00 (1814) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☐ Also enclosed is/are _____.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ \$375.00 (2801) ☐ \$750.00 (1801) fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted ___, on ___, for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least ___, which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.

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☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

☐ No additional claim fee is required.

☒ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below:

| AMENDED CLAIMS | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-----------|
| | NO. OF CLAIMS | HIGHEST NO. OF CLAIMS PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR | EXTRA CLAIMS | RATE | ADD'L FEE |
| Total Claims | 25 | MINUS 21 = | 4 | × \$18.00 (1202) = | \$72.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | MINUS 4 = | 0 | × \$84.00 (1201) = | 0 |
| If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add \$280.00 (1203) | | | | | |
| Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | 72.00 |
| If small entity status is claimed, subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee | | | | | |
| TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT | | | | | \$72.00 |

☒ A total fee in the amount of \$ 72.00 is enclosed.

☐ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In complete response to the Office Action dated April 25, 2003, please amend the above-captioned patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

3. (Three Times Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophilic material in the liquid-pervious surface layer primarily consists of hydrophilic, absorbent fibers including cellulose fibers, cotton, rayon, jute, or peat moss.

5. (Three Times Amended) Absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein the hydrophobic material in the liquid-pervious surface layer primarily consists of hydrophobic fibers including polypropylene fibers, polyethylene fibers, polyester fibers, or hydrophobic bi-component fibers.

Please add the following new claims.